

ABSTRACT

SIGNALLING BETWEEN ATM AND LOCAL AREA NETWORKS

5 A method is described for setting up or releasing a connection
between a first terminal connected to a local area network and a second terminal
connected to an ATM network, both networks being intercoupled by means of a
network termination apparatus. The signalling functionality is performed within a
predetermined terminal connected to the local area network in stead of within the
network termination apparatus, which merely converts and transfers the ATM
signalling protocol messages into LAN messages for delivery to the
10 predetermined terminal and vice-versa. The invention also relates to such a
predetermined terminal, a network termination apparatus and a terminal to be
connected to a local area network, for performing the above described methods
and some variants.